Supplementary Information: Tree height, microhabitat, and hydraulic traits shape drought responses in a temperate broadleaf forest

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Table S1: Species-specific bark thickness regression equations

| Species | Equations | r.2 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Carya cordiformis | -1.56+0.416*x | 0.226 |
| Carya glabra | -0.393+0.268*x | 0.040 |
| Carya ovalis | -2.18+0.651*x | 0.389 |
| Carya tomentosa | -0.477+0.301*x | 0.297 |
| Fagus grandifolia | 1*x | NA |
| Fraxinus americana | 0.418 + 0.268 * x | 0.256 |
| Juglans nigra | 0.346 + 0.279 *x | 0.246 |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | -1.14+0.463*x | 0.545 |
| Quercus alba | -2.09+0.637*x | 0.603 |
| Quercus prinus | -1.31+0.528*x | 0.577 |
| Quercus rubra | -0.593+0.292*x | 0.087 |

Table S2: Species-specific height regression equations

| Species | Equations | r.2 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Carya cordiformis | 0.391 + 0.805 *x | 0.899 |
| Carya glabra | 0.654 + 0.728 *x | 0.890 |
| Carya ovalis | 0.939 + 0.641 *x | 0.922 |
| Carya tomentosa | 0.851 + 0.682 * x | 0.890 |
| Fagus grandifolia | 0.574 + 0.713 *x | 0.887 |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | 1.21 + 0.559 *x | 0.760 |
| Quercus alba | 2.07+0.318*x | 0.523 |
| Quercus prinus | 0.594 + 0.713 *x | 0.799 |
| Quercus rubra | 1.42 + 0.473 *x | 0.832 |
| all | 0.946 + 0.621 *x | 0.868 |

Table S3: Palmer drought severity index (PDSI) by month for focal droughts and other years referenced in the manuscript

| year | month | PDSI | rank |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|
| focal droughts | | | |
| 1966 | May | -2.98 | 2 |
| NA | June | -3.40 | 2 |
| NA | July | -4.08 | 2 |
| NA | August | -4.82 | 1 |
| | | | |
| 1977 | May | -2.96 | 3 |
| NA | $\overline{\mathrm{June}}$ | -3.28 | 3 |
| NA | July | -3.61 | 3 |
| NA | August | -3.68 | 3 |
| | | | |
| 1999 | May | -3.63 | 1 |
| NA | $\overline{\mathrm{June}}$ | -4.21 | 1 |
| NA | July | -4.53 | 1 |
| NA | August | -4.64 | 2 |
| others | | | |
| 1964 | May | -1.08 | 20 |
| NA | $\overline{\mathrm{June}}$ | -1.97 | 11 |
| NA | July | -2.46 | 8 |
| NA | August | -2.98 | 5 |
| | | | |
| 1991 | May | -1.79 | 10 |
| NA | $\overline{\mathrm{June}}$ | -2.10 | 10 |
| NA | July | -2.17 | 10 |
| NA | August | -3.06 | 4 |
| | - | | |
| 2007 | May | -1.37 | 16 |
| NA | June | -1.59 | 16 |
| NA | July | -2.40 | 9 |
| NA | August | -2.55 | 11 |

Table S4: Candidate variables for best model

| prediction | variable | variable_description | top_model |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1.2 | position_all | crown position with H | 1999 |
| 2.2 | height.ln.m | $\ln[\mathrm{H}]$ | all |
| 2.2 | height.ln.m | $\ln[H]$ | 1966 |
| 2.3 | position_all | crown position alone | 1966 |
| 2.4 | TWI.ln | $\ln[\mathrm{TWI}]$ | all |
| 2.4 | TWI.ln | $\ln[TWI]$ | 1977 |
| 2.4 | TWI.ln | $\ln[\text{TWI}]$ | 1999 |
| 3.1 | rp | ring porosity | 1999 |
| 3.2 | PLA_dry_percent | PLA | all |
| 3.2 | PLA_dry_percent | PLA | 1966 |
| 3.4 | mean TLP Mpa | TLP | all |
| 3.4 | mean_TLP_Mpa | TLP | 1977 |

Table S4. Correlation of species' traits with tree height across all individuals in the ForestGEO plot

| variable | model | coefficient | p-value |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| WD | WD~ln[H] | -0.16 | 0 |
| LMA | LMA~ln[H] | 7.86 | 0 |
| ring porosity | ring porosity~ln[H] | 0.34 | 0 |
| PLA | PLA~ln[H] | 1.37 | 0 |
| TLP | PLA~ln[H] | 0.13 | 0 |

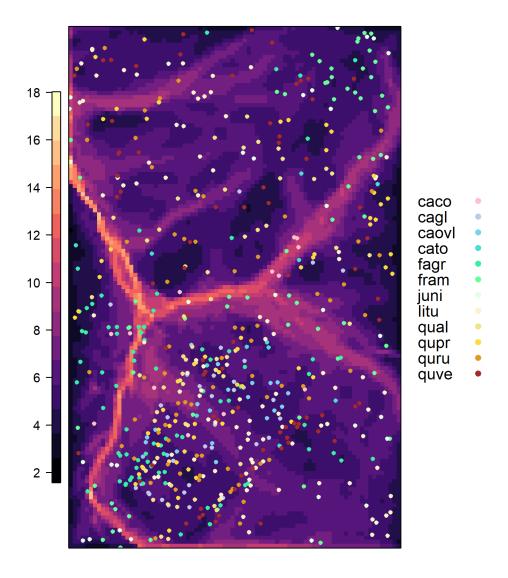


Figure S1: Map of ForestGEO plot showing TWI and location of cored trees